

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 2861

To amend the Trade Act of 1974 to establish an Assistant United States Trade Representative for Small Business, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 9, 2009

Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. LANDRIEU) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Small Business Trade  
5 Representation Act of 2009”.

6       **SEC. 2. ASSISTANT UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTA-**  
7       **TIVE FOR SMALL BUSINESS.**

8       (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITION.—Section 141(c)  
9 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2171(c)) is amended  
10 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

1       “(6)(A) There is established within the Office the po-  
2 sition of Assistant United States Trade Representative for  
3 Small Business, who shall be appointed by the United  
4 States Trade Representative.

5       “(B) The Assistant United States Trade Representa-  
6 tive for Small Business shall—

7           “(i) promote the trade interests of small-busi-  
8 ness concerns (as that term is defined in section 103  
9 of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15  
10 U.S.C. 662));

11          “(ii) advocate for the reduction of foreign trade  
12 barriers with respect to the trade issues of small-  
13 business concerns that are exporters;

14          “(iii) collaborate with the Administrator of the  
15 Small Business Administration with respect to the  
16 trade issues of small-business concerns;

17          “(iv) assist the United States Trade Represent-  
18 ative in developing trade policies that increase op-  
19 portunities for small-business concerns in foreign  
20 and domestic markets, including polices that reduce  
21 trade barriers for small-business concerns; and

22          “(v) perform such other duties as the United  
23 States Trade Representative may direct.

24       “(C) The Assistant United States Trade Representa-  
25 tive for Small Business shall be compensated at the rate

1 provided for level IV of the Executive Schedule under sec-  
2 tion 5315 of title 5, United States Code.”.

3 (b) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 2112 of the Bi-  
4 partisan Trade Promotion Authority Act of 2002 (19  
5 U.S.C. 3812) is repealed.

6 (c) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.—Section 141 of the  
7 Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2171), as amended by sub-  
8 section (a), is further amended—

9 (1) in subsection (c), by moving paragraph (5)  
10 2 ems to the left; and

11 (2) in subsection (e)—

12 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “5314”  
13 and inserting “5315”; and

14 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “the  
15 maximum rate of pay for grade GS–18 as pro-  
16 vided in section 5332” and inserting “the max-  
17 imum rate of pay for level IV of the Executive  
18 Schedule in section 5315”.

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